

3500 BC

First potatoes grown in South America.

3500 - 3100 BC

Cities and cuneiform writing
in Sumer (southern Iraq),
transmission of urban civilization
from Sumer to the Near East

3500 B.C.

SUMER

The southern most part of
mesopotamia where civilization
first began at about 3500 B.C.

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CYLINDER SEALS

originated about 3500 BC, when early carvers began engraving soft stones. Ancient people used the cylinder to roll their stamps of approval or ownership onto clay tablets, grand doors & even the necks of sealed jars. Later these became finger rings.

3500 BC → 75 AD

CUNEIFORM

The type of wedge-shaped writing
on clay invented in
mesopotamia and used from
about 3500 BC to 75 AD

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Ashkelon was a major seaport. It witnessed the rise & fall of numerous cultures beside the Canaanite, including Philistine, Phoenician, Greek, Roman, Byzantine, and Crusader.

Richard the Lion-Hearted walked down its streets. So did Alexander

the great, Herod, and Samson before
he met Delilah

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Fest potatoes grown in South
America

3,500 BC

Wheel originates in Sumer

3500 BC

Peoples of the Mesopotamia worshipped nature gods in human form, each god being associated with a city temple and temple themselves occupying a central place in city life. The gods were organized as a democratic council, which reflected the political relations among the various city states.

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The Atacus has been documented
in Mesopotamia

3,500 BC

Uncivilized peoples count time by "moons" or by "winters", but to fix the exact length of the year (the time in which the sun apparently passes from a given point in the heavens, through its path, back again to that point) requires long and patient and skillful observations, and no little knowledge. Indeed to find out that there is such a thing

As a "year" is no simple matter. If
the early Egyptian scholars fixed the
year at $365 \frac{1}{4}$ days less a fraction, and
invented a curious leap yr arrangement.
their "year" together with their calendar
of months, we get from them through
Caesar.

c 3500 BC

Earliest settlements at Megiddo.